



Merz Brothers' Store

**MERZ BROTHERS**

Wholesale and Retail Dry Goods.

This business was established about twenty-five years ago, and was purchased by Merz Brothers nine years ago. The individual members of the firm being A. L., M. and E. Merz. They are wholesale and retail dealers in dry goods, and occupy a building 40x260 feet in dimensions and three floors in height, in addition to which there is an "L" running to Market street, which is used for the large shoe department, and even this large space is becoming too small for the immense stock they carry. Their wholesale trade is looked after by traveling salesmen and covers the State of Kentucky very thoroughly, as well as reaching into adjoining States.

In the retail departments they carry a very large stock of dry goods, dress goods, silks, satins, ladies' ready-to-wear garments, corsets, ribbons, gloves, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishings, toilet articles, notions, etc., and an entire room is devoted to the shoe department, where a very complete stock is carried in all grades, styles and prices, for men, women and children.

A very important feature of the business is the carpet department, and they handle an immense assortment of carpets, rugs, linoleums and matings. The

carpets are purchased in very large quantities, while the matings for this great Maysville store are imported direct from China and Japan. Employment is given to about thirty employees in the retail departments alone.

In New York, Merz Bros. have a large factory for the manufacture of artificial flowers, the product being sold entirely to the jobbing trade. About one hundred hands are employed in this factory.

M. Merz is Vice President of the American Dry Goods Company of New York City, a very large wholesale establishment who obtain their goods directly from the mills of this country and Europe. The New York office of Merz Bros. is with this Company, and thus they are in a position to purchase most of the goods for their Maysville store from first hands, in this manner saving the profits of the wholesaler and jobber, which savings they readily share with their customers here.

Merz Bros. have one of the largest retail stores in the entire State of Kentucky, and their patronage is drawn from all the counties surrounding Maysville, and as there has been a very flattering increase in the volume of their business each of the nine years they have been here, it is very evident that they have given general satisfaction to the thousands of people who are their customers today.

**THE JOHN T. SMITH**

Cigar Company.

This cigar business was established nearly thirty years ago, and on February 1, 1919, the present company was organized and incorporated under the name of the John T. Smith Cigar Company, with the following officers: E. L. Manchester, President; Elmer Dodson, Vice President; Edward M. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, and John T. Smith, Manager.

The business is the manufacture of fine hand-made cigars which are sold at wholesale exclusively. The company makes the well known "La Cintillo," ten-cent cigar, and the Cricket, five-cent cigar. These goods are largely sold through the States of Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio, and give general satisfaction wherever used, duplicate orders being the rule in almost every instance.

The office and factory of the John T. Smith Cigar Company is at 12 and 15 East Second street.



O. H. P. Thomas &amp; Co.

**O. H. P. THOMAS & CO.**

Wholesale Liquors.

O. H. P. Thomas & Co. Distributors of Fine Kentucky Whiskies, was established in 1860, and have the distinction of being the oldest house in

their line in the State. They have a reputation for selling only the purest and best Whiskies, Brandy, Wines and Gins, and their prices are always right.

Go to O. H. P. Thomas & Co. for this class of goods. Office and salesroom at 120-122 Market street.

**BARKLEY'S SHOE STORE**

Fine Footwear.

This well known shoe business was established about twenty years ago, and seven years ago it was purchased by the present firm, and is favorably known as "Barkley's Shoe Store." H. H. and F. O. Barkley being the proprietors.



"See My New Boots"

They deal in footwear exclusively, in all grades, shapes, styles and prices, for men, women and children, and carry a very large and complete stock, and make a specialty of fine shoes from leading manufacturers. Their leaders for men are The J. & M. Tilts, Burt & Packard; and their leaders for women are Smaltz-Goodwin, Duttenhofer, Dorothy Dodd.

The business has greatly increased since the Barkley Brothers have conducted it, and today they occupy two floors of the large building, 49 West Second street.

**THE RYDER PAINT STORE**

Wall Paper, Paints, Etc.

This business was established many years ago by W. H. Ryder, and was purchased by J. D. Wood, a nephew of W. H. Ryder, two years ago, the original firm name of "The Ryder Paint Store" still being retained. J. D. Wood was born in Maysville and obtained his education here. He has been in the



paint business for eighteen years, six previous to his purchasing the business of which were spent with his uncle. He carries a large stock of wall paper, paints, oils, window glass, artists' materials, art pictures, mouldings, etc., and a specialty is made of framing pictures. He carries everything that pertains to a first class store of this kind, and is exclusive agent here for the Ira D. Washburn celebrated paints, and also agent for "Alabastine" cold water paints.

The Ryder Paint Store is located at 7 West Second street.

**WASHINGTON OPERA HOUSE**

Artistic Moving Pictures.

On November 20, last, William C. Walker rented the handsome new Washington Opera House, and after several others had made a failure of it, he inaugurated and opened a first-class

The Opera House is particularly adapted for this class of shows, as it has opera chairs, is light, clean and sanitary and abounds in convenient exits, while the seating capacity is one thousand. The machine used is modern and the large screen shows the pictures to the best possible advantage.



Washington Opera House

—Lane &amp; Easton, Contractors, Est. 1910

moving picture show. From the first the people of Maysville saw that his pictures were new, up-to-date and interesting, and that he proposed, not only giving a clean, moral show, but that he intended conducting the place in such a manner that ladies and children were safe in attending the performances with or without escorts.

Manager Walker gets the first run of pictures which have never been seen in Maysville before, except by particular request for their reproduction. The pictures and songs are changed every day, so that a continual round of enjoyment and change can be had every evening for the small sum of five cents.

**THE KENTUCKY**

Bottling Company.

The Kentucky Bottling Company of which James F. Summers is proprietor, are manufacturers and bottlers of Soda and Mineral Waters, Ginger Ale, Cider, and everything in the way of soft drinks. The factory is modern, clean, and sanitary in every particular, and



James F. Summers

all goods sold are guaranteed to be pure and harmless, and guaranteed as such under the Pure Food Law, serial number, 8593. The business is mostly local, but extends all through this territory.

The absolute purity of the goods manufactured by this company entitle them to the patronage of this city, for the belief in patronizing home industries, and home merchants, is one of the rules of this establishment, and it should receive the same treatment in return. The office and works of the Kentucky Bottling Company is at 117 Sutton street.

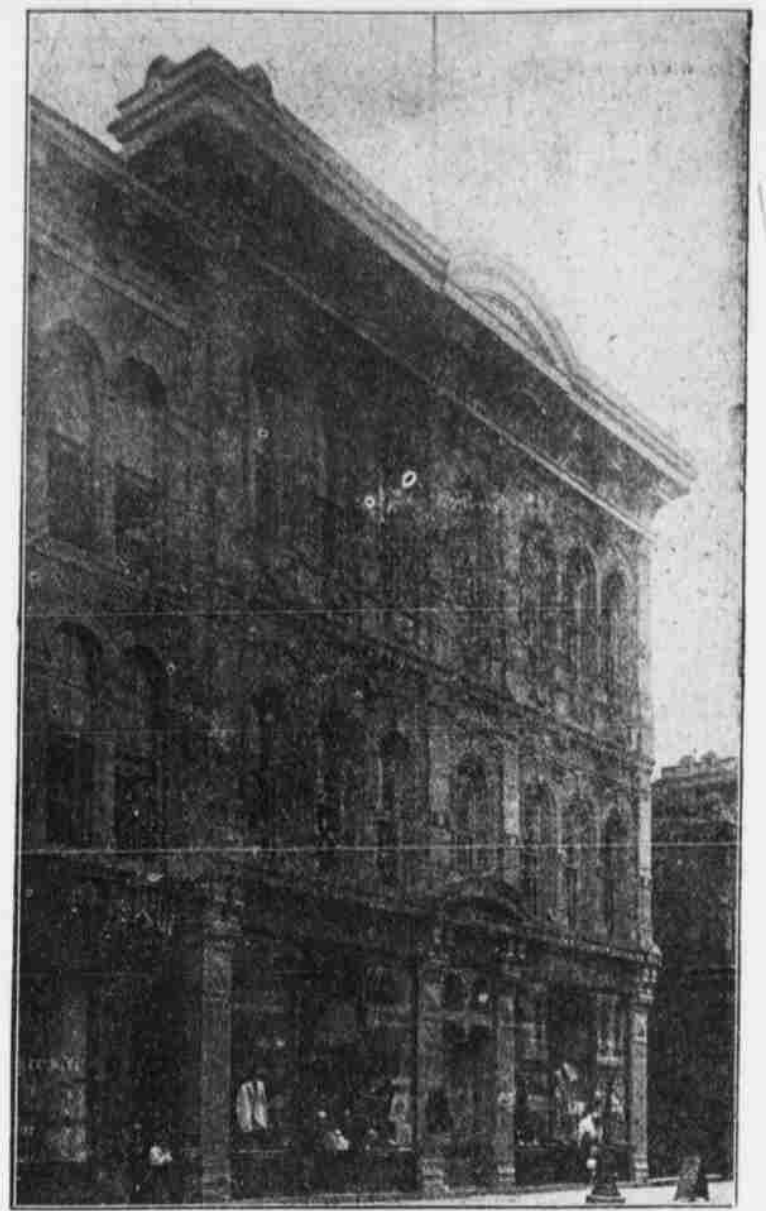
**JOHN BENSON ORR**

"Jack" Orr, the boss "ad" man and Foreman of The Public Ledger's newspaper office, was born in Cannellton, Kanawha county, West Virginia, September 5, 1867. He began his manual labor career selling newspapers and later as a carrier boy delivering The Public Ledger in Maysville. He has been in the printing trade for 28



John Benson Orr

years, 20 years of the time working for Thomas A. Davis in The Ledger office, rising from typesetter to Foreman. When The Ledger was sold to the present owner Mr. Orr continued as Foreman, which position he now holds. Jack Orr has probably stuck more type during his life than any other person who ever worked at the art preservative in this city. He is recognized as one of the most artistic ad setters in the business and is as rapid as he is original and alert. Mr. Orr has a wife and two fine kids, is a member of DeKalb Lodge No. 12, I. O. F., and Pisgah Encampment No. 9, and claims to go right home from lodge meetings every night.



D. Hechinger &amp; Co.'s Store

**D. HECHINGER & CO.**

Pioneer Clothiers.

One of the oldest and most eminently successful mercantile institutions in Maysville is the clothing, merchant tailoring and gentlemen's furnishing establishment of D. Hechinger & Co. The business dates its foundation from 1852, G. Blum being the founder and proprietor until 1860, when the name Hechinger first became associated with the clothing business. G. Blum subsequently retired, and a short while ago died in Baltimore, Maryland, and until 1888 the firm was known as Hechinger Bros. At this time Ferdinand Hechinger died, and his interest was bought from the estate by his brother, David Hechinger. P. P. Parker afterward bought an interest in the business, but disposed of it to D. Hechinger at the end of four years. This is in brief the outline of an institution which has occupied a prominent position with the leading stores of Maysville for over half a century. On its

present basis it is unquestionably one of the largest and most complete establishments in this section of the State. They now occupy two floors, 50 by 100 feet, well stocked with everything known to the business. The merchant tailoring department is a separate and important feature of the business, containing the latest and most stylish patterns, made to order by the best workmen to be employed.

In late years the firm added men's and boy's shoes to their line, and though but a few years selling shoes, the brands they handle, namely, Hanan & Son, W. L. Douglas, Nettleton and Walkover, have gained for them a large trade in this line.

D. Hechinger & Co. carry everything in clothing and furnishings, and are exclusive agents for some of the leading manufacturers. They have been in business for so many years that their name has become a household name throughout this entire section of the country, and stands for Quality, Style and Unquestionable Dealings. The store of D. Hechinger & Co. is at 12-16 West Second street.

**THE ILLUSTRATIONS**

In This Edition.

The publisher of The Ledger feels justly pleased at the large assortment of engravings in this edition, for they

give an idea of the city of Maysville and its advantages, never before attempted. A majority of them were reproduced from photographs taken by D. N. House and William Sulser, both well known photographers.

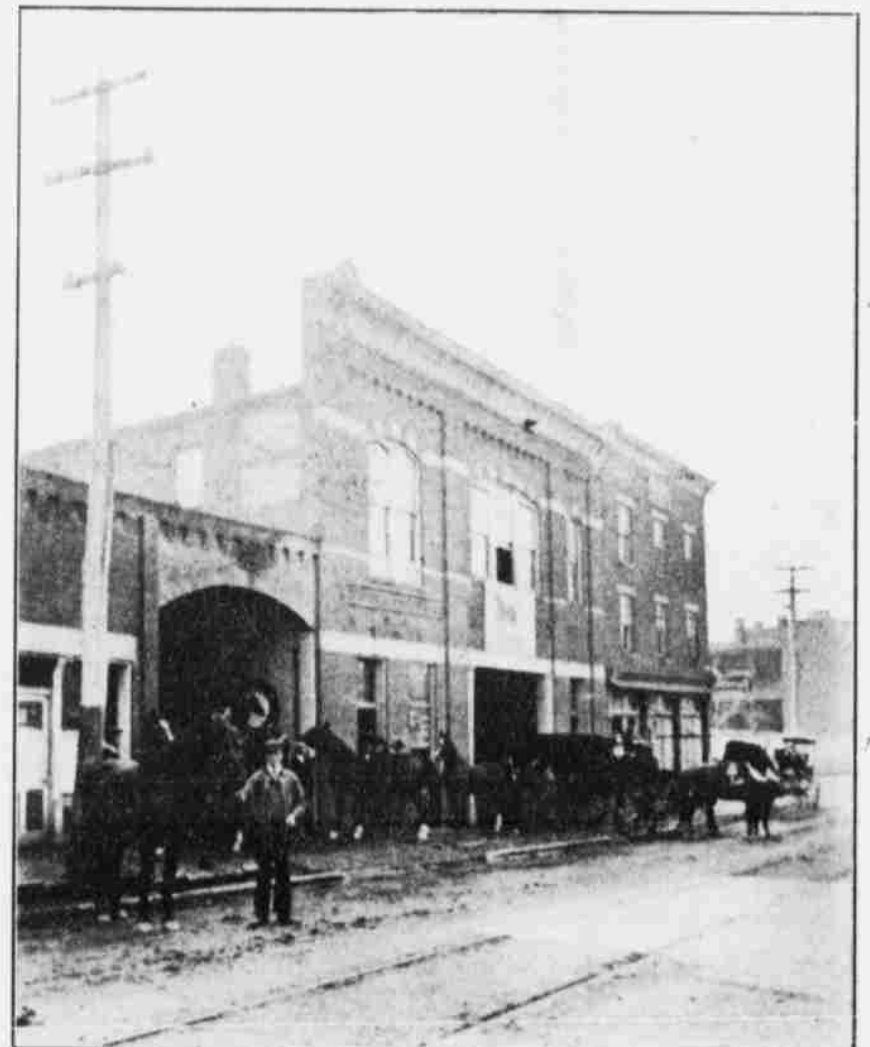
**THOMAS MALONE & CO.**

Fine Livery.

Thomas Malone & Co. are successors to Moss Daylton & Brother, and conduct the largest livery, feed and sales stable in Northeastern Kentucky, having accommodations for one hundred and fifty horses. Thomas Malone has lived in Mason county, Kentucky, for over twenty-five years, and pre-

ness horses, and also breeds horses, owning his own stud, one of Eddie Conner's colts five years old, as well as a "Jack," both of which are registered stock.

In connection with the livery business, but under the name of Malone & Gallenstein, is conducted an undertaking department, under the management of John Gallenstein who is an experienced, practical and licensed undertaker and embalmer. Malone & Gallenstein have their own funeral



Thomas Malone &amp; Co.'s Livery Stable

vious to purchasing this stable, May 29, 1909, was a farmer, tobacco grower and tobacco buyer. He has rigs to hire, of all descriptions, and at all hours, with good horses, and also boards horses, and conducts a cab service which meets all trains and boats. He is a dealer in horses, and makes a specialty of fancy saddle and har-

cars and other equipment, all new and modern, and are in a position to take entire charge of funerals from the time of death until the last rites are performed.

The livery of Thomas Malone & Co. and the undertaking establishment of Malone & Gallenstein are at 140 and 142 West Second street.